

Robeson Community College Reports

The Robeson Community College Board of Trustees met for their regular monthly meeting recently. Three new appointees to the board were welcomed: Mr. L. Harbert Moore who was appointed by the Public Schools of Robeson County Board of Education, Mr. H. Franklin Biggs, Sr. who was reappointed by the Governor, and Mr. James H. McLean who was appointed by the Robeson County Board of Commissioners. Officers elected for the 1992-93 academic year include: Mr. John Staton, chairman; Mr. George Regan, vice chairman; and RCC President Fred Williams, Secretary.

The board discussed the status of the college's emergency service program. The CP&L side is available but funding is not sufficient to prepare the grounds, which would include grading and fixing the drainage system, and build the necessary facilities. The Robeson County Board of Commissioners has been approached and asked to consider designating a site at the new jail for use as training grounds. At their last meeting the Commissioners tabled the issue. RCC Board Attorney Murchison Biggs, advised trustees that the County must provide the required training somewhere, whether in Robeson County or by sending participants to neighboring counties of Columbus or Cumberland and absorbing the cost. According to Biggs, every firefighter, law enforcement officer and rescue operator must be certified and then re certified on an annual basis. He suggested that the Board give the county time to give serious consideration to providing a site as the urgency of getting this job done is severe. Trustees voted to table the issue until September at which time it will be placed on the agenda.

In other business the board decided to renew the food service contract with Vending Products, Inc. which will expire on October 31, 1992. RCC President Fred Williams reported to the board that the following nominations have been made to the Reynolds Foundations for Tech Prep Awards: Joe Glezen for Outstanding Community Person; the Tech-Prep Curriculum for Outstanding Program; and Mr. John Staton for Outstanding Faculty Member. Director of Institutional Planning and Research Mark Kinlaw shared program review results with the board. The three programs reviewed this year are Development Studies, Respiratory Care and Nursing. The North Carolina Department of Community Colleges requires that all curriculum programs be reviewed over a five year cycle. Kinlaw explained that data is collected through surveys of employ-

ers, students, alumni, faculty and staff. A review committee makes recommendations based on the findings and this information feeds into the institution's planning process for institutional effectiveness. Consideration is given to enrollment, standardized test scores, numbers of graduates (over a 3 year period), cost, job placement, student evaluations of institution, job market needs (over 2-5 years), high school student interest, retention, licensure exam scores, transfer success, student alumni satisfaction on quality of education, and salary history. The Nursing program was found to be strong in all areas.

The Respiratory Care program, which is still new at RCC, was found to be good in all areas and steadily improving. The Developmental Studies program is strong in all areas, however there is some concern about retention in the early quarters.

Trustees approved the employment of Shelia Ann Regan and John Olden McDonald as Biology/Science Instructors. The resignation of Nursing Instructor Thea Martin and retirement of Cosmetology Instructor Betty Biggs were accepted with regret.

Chairman John Staton reported on recent unsuccessful legislation for diversity enhancement and his efforts on behalf of this cause. The board is working on a local policy for diversity enhancement to insure equal opportunity for minorities and women.

Discussion was held regarding the new tuition cost which is up 15.2% from last year. The cost per credit hour for 1992-93 will be \$13.25 for a maximum of \$185.50 per quarter for a full-time student as compared to \$11.50 per credit hour with a maximum of \$161 for the 1991-92 year. Extension fees will be increased from \$30 to \$35 per course. President Williams reported that RCC staff is working on setting up ways to help students who do not qualify for Pell Grants, i.e. The RCC Foundation, bookstore and vending profits. School officials are also establishing an early alert system to help students who experience financial problems once enrolled. According to Williams, every effort is being made to see that students who want to attend RCC will not be excluded by financial limitations.

The Board also approved a policy on personal computer software. Williams stated that all computers on campus have been audited to ensure conformance with licensing agreements. Lastly, trustees were reminded of curriculum graduation on August 7. The board unanimously voted to honor retiring trustees Mr. A. D. Lewis and Mr. George Zeigler at that time.

PEMBROKE STATE UNIVERSITY

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bringing the institute to PSU through his long friendship with Dr. Estus Smith, program officer for the Kettering Foundation. "They wanted a small school (PSU's enrollment is almost 3,000) and one that is strategically located. Our tri-racial student body (63.8 percent white, 23.4 percent Indian and 10.9 percent Black) was secondary. They wanted a school with a good academic program," said Hutchins. Politics included; 2:10-2:40 p.m.—Home Room Groups with citizen views of "Politics As Usual," including the participants assuming

Home Room Groups focusing on choice work, deliberation and public voices plus the video, "Making Choices," followed by the participants assuming leadership roles; 3:30-4:15 p.m.—Ice cream social in the James B. Chavis Center; 4:15-5:15 p.m.—Study circles in Home Room Groups, which include moderator training and practice plus a 1992-93 National Issues Forums (NIF) issue assigned to groups as appropriate (issue topics may include "The Health Care Crisis: Containing Costs, Expanding Coverage"; "Criminal Violence: What Direction Now for the War on Crime?"; Education: How do We Get the Results We Want? plus a video entitled "Deliberation"; 5:30-6:30 p.m.—Dinner in PSU cafeteria; 6:30-7:15 p.m.—Focus Groups in which presentation is made by leader, then everyone breaks into small informal groups for participant interaction with topics being: for Education Focus Group—"NIF in the Classroom"; Leadership Focus Group—"The NIF Process and Its Use to Solve Problems in Appalachia"; for Social Work Focus Group—"The Use of NIF in Resolving Community Problems in Greensboro"; Civic Leadership Focus Group—"NIF in the Community, How can the NIF Process be Adapted to Meet Specific Needs, the Appalachian Experience"; Public Servant Focus Group—"Can NIF Help to Bridge the Gap Between the Public Servant and the General Public? How Might NIF Moderator Training Benefit the Political Official?"; General Interest Focus Group—"The NIF Process—Where Should We

Go From Here?"; Other Focus Groups will be organized on request or as need is identified; 7:15-7:30 p.m.—General Session in the Chavis Center with the topic being "History and Culture as They Affect Political Perception—the Native American experience," includes movie, "Good to be an American—Proud and Free," concerning the Lumbee Indians, their history, culture and goals; 7:30-8 p.m.—Travel to the Adolph Dial Amphitheater near Pembroke for an 8:30 p.m. Performance of "Strike at the Wind." 9:45 a.m.—Break; 9:45-11:45 a.m.—Home Room Sessions; 11:45 a.m.—

Sheff's Seafood Restaurant, topics being "The NIF Project. The Kettering Foundation is a major research and educational foundation originally funded by Charles Kettering, the inventor of the automobile self-starter. The Kettering forums are conducted by experienced participants who have conducted forums in the past. A feature of this institute is that the N.C. Department of Public Instruction has approved 1.5 continuing education units for teacher renewal credit for those participating, said Hutchins. "National Issues Forums provide a balanced framework for productive conversations about health care, education, energy policy, youth at risk, the national debt and other problems," says Hutchins. "National Issues Forums are completely nonpartisan. They do not advocate particular policies or points of views." He adds that those who participate will learn how to lead National Issues Forums. "Those who come will learn how to conduct forums, how to frame issues for public debate, and how to moderate public discussion in a balanced and structured way, thus learning skills that will enrich them as individuals as well as benefit their organizations and communities," said Hutchins. Included in the \$162 fee paid by participants will be tickets to a performance of "Strike at the Wind", the outdoor drama at Adolph Dial Amphitheater, at 8:30 p.m. on July 31, and tickets to a concert by the Guy Lombardo Orchestra at the Givens Performing Arts Center at 8 p.m. on Aug. 1.

The institute schedule is as follows after registration in the Chavis Center: July 31: 9:30-11:45 a.m.—Concurrent Sessions with the four different forum topics being "Growing up at Risk"; "America's Role in the World: New Risk, New Realities"; "The Health Care Crisis: Containing Costs, Expanding Coverage"; "The Drug Crisis: Public Strategies for Breaking the Habit"; 11:45 a.m.—12:30 p.m.—Lunch in the PSU cafeteria with an official welcome to Pembroke State; 12:30-1 p.m.—General session in the PSU cafeteria with Dr. Estus Smith, program officer of the Kettering Foundation giving an overview of

National Issues Forums; 1-2 p.m.—Another general session in the PSU cafeteria with the topic being "How the Public Views Politics" with a video about "Public in Appalachia," "Counseling and Development and NIF," and "NIF in Greensboro." 1-1:45 p.m.—Free Time (the PSU Native American Resource Center will be open); 2-2:45 p.m.—Concurrent Sessions with forums being on "Criminal Violence: What Direction Now for the War on Crime;" "Energy Options: Finding a Solution to the Power Predicament," "The Boundaries of Free Speech: How Free is Too Free," and "regaining the Competitive Edge; Are We up to the Job?" 5-6:15 p.m.—Dinner in the Chavis Center; 6:30-7:30 p.m.—Home Room Session with moderator training and practice. Emphasis will be on "Harvesting" with participants assuming leadership roles; 8-10 p.m. Guy Lombardo Orchestra at Givens Performing Arts Center. August 2: 7-9 p.m. Breakfast in PSU cafeteria. 9 a.m.—noon—Free time to enjoy good fellowship, read NIF materials in Chavis Center, visit one of the local churches or other attractions, tour the campus or exercise around the track; noon-1:15 p.m.—Lunch in the PSU cafeteria with informal discussions and evaluation session; 1:30-3:30 p.m. [Education Focus Group will discuss goals and techniques, evaluation techniques and materials; the other focus groups will also meet during this time with topics being "How Issues are Framed," "How NIF Can Be Adapted to Local Issues," "Experience an Issue," "Framing Exercise," and "Next Steps." From 3:15-3:30 p.m. will be a joint meeting that will close the institute. For more information about the Summer Public Policy Institute at Pembroke State University, telephone (919) 521-6281.

Strike at the Wind! performed Tuesday-Saturday

The outdoor drama, Strike at the Wind, will be performed on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings at 8:30 p.m. at the Adolph L. Dial Amphitheatre three miles west of Pembroke, NC. Strike at the Wind is the story of Henry Berry Lowrie, the legendary Lumbee Indian who was responsible for the Lumbees obtaining the right to vote. Ticket prices are \$7 for adults, \$5 for adults 65 and older, and \$4 for children 12 and under. There is a discount for military personnel and special rates for groups of 10 or more are available. Strike at the Wind runs through September 5. For reservations and information, call (919) 521-3112.



Kettering Foundation-Sponsored Institute to Be held at Pembroke State July 31, Aug. 1-2

In a three-day event co-sponsored by the Kettering Foundation of Dayton, O., and Pembroke State University, PSU will be the site of a National Issues Forums (NIF) Summer Public Policy Institute Friday, Saturday and Sunday (July 31, Aug. 1-2).

Pembroke State is one of 11 institutions nationally and the first in the Carolinas to host a Kettering-sponsored institute. Some 200 people are expected to attend it.

Coordinating the institute is Terry Hutchins, assistant to the chancellor for legal affairs at PSU. He has worked for over a year in laying the groundwork for it and recently visited the Kettering Foundation in making final arrangements.

"We at Pembroke State University are proud to be the first in the Carolinas to have such an institute as this," said Hutchins, describing it as a "prestigious" event for PSU.

The other 10 institutions in the nation which have funded along with PSU for such institutes are as follows: the College of William and Mary at Williamsburg, Va., the University of Alabama, the University of Georgia, the University of Minnesota, the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Miami, O., University, the University of California at Davis, the University of California at San Diego, the College of DuPage at Glen Ellyn, Ill., and Gulf Coast Community College at Panama City, Fla. Hutchins was instrumental in

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